Script for phone message Taping Wednesday, April 2, 2008 3:30 p.m., Governor's Press Room

(Note: ITS will distribute this May 8 on the state telephone system as a prelude to Tourism Week.)

Hi, this is Haley Barbour.

I hope you'll join Marsha and me along with the Tourism Division of the Mississippi Development Authority as we celebrate National Tourism Week – May 10-18.

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